Dignitary/delegation visited India	Subject discussed and/or referred to by Government of India.
(19) H.E. Mr. Abdumalik Abdullejonov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Tajikistan (14-2-93—18-2-93)	Bilateral, regional and global issues.
(20) H.E. Mr. Yvonne Van Rooy, Minister of Foreign Trade of Netherlands (14-2-93-17-2-93)	Review of bilateral trade relations and to consider ways and means to diversity the same.
(21) H.E. Mr. S.V. Lavorov, Deputy Foreign Minister of Russian Federation (16-2-93)	Multilateral issues including human rights, disarmament, reform and restructuring of the UN and its specialised agencies, expansion of Security Council, administrative and budgetary matters concerning the UN and Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs.
(22) H.E. Dr. Helmut Kohl Chancellor of Germany (18-2-93—22-2-93)	All aspects of bilateral relations, in particular promotion of economic relations and investments, international issues of interest and concern, regional developments including European Integration trends and India's relations with neighbours.

Expulsion of Palestinians by IsrateS

197. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: WiU the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lodged any protest to the Israel Government against the expulsion of 415 Palestinians; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of the Israel Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) The Government of India has repeatedly urged the Government of Israel to withdraw its expulsion order and take back the deportees.

(b) The latest response of Israel is to take back 100 deportees and reduce the sentence for the remain der from 2 years to one year.

Ayodhya Incident by Fak National Assembly

198. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan against the reference of Ayodhya incident by the Pakistan National Assembly; and

(b) if so, what are the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have st rongly objected to the National Ass embly of Pakistan discussing a matter lying entirely within the domestic jurisdiction of India and on which Pakistan has no locus standi. These objections have been conveyed at the political level as well as through diplomatic channels.

International Chemical Weapons convention in Parts

199. DR. SANJAYA SINH; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state-

(a) whether India hag recently signed an International Chemical Weapons Convention in Paris; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objective of the Chemical Weapons Conventio (CWC) is to prohibit the use, development, pro duction, acquisition, stockpiling or transferring of chemical weapons by any State party to the Convention. The complex and difficult negotia tions in which India played an ac tive role, were concluded in the Conference on Disarmament after 12 years, in September 199'2. The UN General Assembly (UNGA) ad opted it by consensus and India co-sponsored the resolution in the UNGA. At the signing ceremony in Paris (13-15 January 1993), 130 co untries joined the CWC as original signatories. The Convention comes into force 180 days after the date of deposit of the 65th Instrument of Ratification, but in no case earlier than two years after its opening for signature. The CWC is a multilater. ally negotiated disarmament agree ment which is unifyersfally applica ble, comprehensive in scope anc non-discriminatory in character with a stringent international verifica tion regime. Thus the objectives oi the CWC are in accordance with India's disarmament policy.

Closing of India-Pakistan Borders

200. DR. SANJAYA SINK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF-AIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pak istan is considering to close its borders with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; anc

(c) what is the reaction of Gov. ernment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAI AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) (a) *No,* Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Pakistan 'n possession of atomic bombs

201. DR. ' SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL, AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports of Pakistan possessing half-a-dozen atomic bombs;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH STNGH): (a) and (b) Government are aware of press reports in this regard.

(c) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearin' or. India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

202. *[Transferred to 2nd March,* 1993].

Fact finding team from OIC to Kashmir

203. SHRI S. K. T. RAM1ACHAND-RAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) sought the permission of Government to send a fact finding t:am to Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what was the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The OIC General Secretariat has been informed that no purpose would be served by the visit of the DIC team to Kashmir, which is an integral part of India and the exclusive responsibility of the Indian authorities and that the OIC's suggestion is unacceptable.